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In the drawings:

Two sheets of drawings showing proposed changes are attached hereto.

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REMARKS

The examiner is again respectfully requested to consider the proposed changes to the drawings. The attached drawings have been photocopied at an enlarged scale in an attempt to show the proposed changes previously discussed more clearly.

Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims as unpatentable over the cited art is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the anchor in more detail and now distinguishes over Spiller. Spiller teaches anchors that are pivotally mounted and do not allow the brake shoes to float whereby the vertical position of the shoe is automatically adjusted.

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to recite the adjustment link, and it is submitted that Yamamoto would not have led one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the structure of Spiller to obtain this invention. The Yamamoto system is so different from that of the Spiller system that the person of ordinary skill would not have been led to use the adjustment link of Yamamoto in the Spiller device. Spiller, instead, provides a distinct adjustment mechanism, which would have directed one away from the invention as claimed.

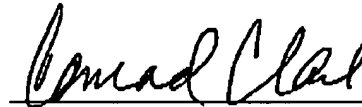
It is also believed that claims 10-13 were mis-numbered, and this has been corrected.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding.

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All necessary extensions of time are requested. Please charge any necessary fees and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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